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In re application of
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**METHOD FOR CULTURING
AND ASSAYING CELLS**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement along with the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference cited in the Form PTO-1449 accompany this Statement.

The Kornblith publication does not address the central feature of the accompanying claims, namely, that the present invention grows out tissue specimens containing malignant cells and unwanted cells wherein the malignant cells are susceptible of overgrowth by the unwanted cells. In the Kornblith publication, the brain tumor specimens contain few, if any, fibroblasts or other unwanted cells

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and, therefore, the problem which the present invention solves is neither addressed in this prior art reference nor in any other prior art of which the Applicant is aware.

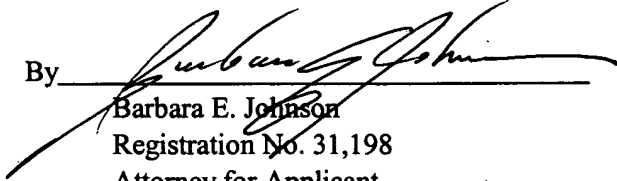
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), Applicant submits herewith the required petition fee in the amount of \$180.00 for submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which is being submitted after issuance of an Office Action but before the mailing date of a final Office Action. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

An original and two (2) copies of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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